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SUBJ: QUESTIONS FOR APRIL 17 REFERENDUM

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ADDITIONAL 10 "YES" OR "NO" QUESTIONS
ANNOUNCED APRIL 1 TO BE INCLUDED IN APRIL 17 REFERENDUM:

1. THERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT THESE 13 PROVINCES WILL BE
FINALLY ORGANIZED INTO A SINGLE REGION OF THE AUTONOMY. DO
YOU APPROVE SUCH A PROPOSAL?

IF THE ANSWER IS "YES," THESE PROVINCES SHALL CONSTITUTE A
SINGLE REGION OF THE AUTONOMY.

IF THE ANSWER IS "NO," THE 13 PROVINCES SHALL REMAIN IN
THEIR PRESENT REGIONS WHICH SHALL BE EQUALLY AUTONOMOUS.

2. THERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM IN
THE AREA OF THE AUTONOMY WILL BE RULED OR CONTROLLED BY THE
MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT WITH FULL AND COMPLETE
AUTHORITY. DO YOU APPROVE SUCH A PROPOSAL?

3. THERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT THE REGION OF THE AUTONOMY WILL
HAVE ITS OWN FLAG, OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND SEAL SEPARATE AND
DISTINCT FROM THE FLAG, NATIONAL LANGUAGE AND SEAL OF
THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. DO YOU APPROVE SUCH A PROPOSAL?

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4. THERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT THE REGION OF THE AUTONOMY
BE CALLED AUTONOMOUS BANGSAMORO ISLAMIC REGION AND THE
INHABITANTS THEREOF THE BANGSAMORO. DO YOU APPROVE SUCH
A PROPOSAL?

5. THERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT THE REGION OF THE AUTONOMY

SHALL HAVE ITS OWN COURT OF APPEAL AND SUPREME COURT TO
BE CREATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REGION OF THE AUTONOMY.
DO YOU APPROVE SUCH A PROPOSAL?

6. THERE IS A PROPSAL TO GRANT TO THE REGION OF THE
AUTONOMY THE POWER OF GENERAL LEGISLATION INCLUDING TAXATION
SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT. DO YOU APPROVE SUCH A PROPSAL?

7. THERE IS A PROPOSAL TO EMPOWER THE MNLF TO ORGANIZE AND
UTILIZE IN THE REGION OF THE AUTONOMY A SECURITY FORCE TO
MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER SEPARATE FROM AND OUTSIDE OF THE
SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
PHILIPPINES, THE INTEGRATED NATIONAL POLCE OR ANY OTHER
OFFICE OR OFFICES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. DO YOU
APPROVE SUCH A PROPOSAL?

8. THERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE
REGION OF THE AUTONOMY SHALL BE HEADED BY A CHIEF MINISTER
AND A DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER TO BE ELECTED BY THE REGIONAL
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WITY THE CONCURRENCE OF THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF THE MNLF AND WHO SHALL BE THE COMMANDER-IN-
CHIEF OF THE REGIONAL SECURITY FORCE WITH THE POWER TO
ORGANIZE, CONTROL AND SUPERVISE ITS OPERATIONS AND
ACTIVITIES. DO YOU APPROVE SUCH A PROPOSAL?

9. THERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT THE ACCOUNTS OF THE REGION
OF THE AUTONOMY SHALL BE AUDITED ONLY BY A REGIONAL
COMMIISION AND NOT BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON AUDIT,
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AS PROVIDED BY THE PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION. DO YOU
APPROVE SUCH A PROPOSAL?

10. THERE IS A PROPOSAL THAT THE ADMINISTRITVE SYSTEM
IN THE REGION OF THE AUTONOMY SHALL BE UNDER THE GENERAL
SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE
PHILIPPINES THROUGH ITS APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENTALITIES AS
PROVIDED FOR IN THE PROPOSAL OF THE BATASANG BAYAN ADOPTED
IN ITS SPECIAL SESSION LAST 14 FEBRUARY 1977 WHICH INCLUDES
THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL ASSEMBLY WITH MEMBERS ELECTED
BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE REGION AND AN EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL TO BE CHOSEN BY THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY WHO MAY OR
MAY NOT BE MEMBER OF THE SAID ASSEMBLY. DO YOU APPROVE
SUCH A PROPOSAL?

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